

of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 648

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 648 proposed to S. 936, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 712

At the request of Mr. CLELAND the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. COVERDELL] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 712 proposed to S. 936, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 36—COMMEMORATING THE BICENTENNIAL OF TUNISIAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS

Mr. BREAUX submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

S. CON. RES. 36

Whereas August 28, 1997, will mark the 200th anniversary of the first Tunisian-American Treaty and the opening of diplomatic relations between Tunisia and the United States;

Whereas Tunisia guaranteed to the young American Republic freedom of navigation in Tunisia's territorial waters and freedom of trade with Tunisian citizens;

Whereas Tunisia supported the Allies politically and militarily during World War II and has become the final resting place of thousands of American soldiers fallen in battle;

Whereas the United States was the first great power to recognize Tunisia's independence from France in 1956;

Whereas Tunisia was a steady and reliable ally of the United States during the darkest days of the Cold War, providing naval facilities to the United States Sixth Fleet and supporting the United States at the United Nations and other international bodies;

Whereas Tunisia after independence received more aid from the United States than from any other donor country in the form of governmental loans and technical assistance;

Whereas Tunisia efficiently utilized American assistance and its own resources to drastically improve social conditions, further economic development, and establish an open market economy and a tolerant society based on the principles of democracy, social peace, and justice;

Whereas Tunisia has consistently supported a peaceful resolution to the Arab-Israeli conflict and United States efforts to bring peace to the Middle East; and

Whereas Tunisia and the United States have always shared mutual interests in regional security and have built a close partnership in that regard; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the Congress hereby acknowledges with gratitude and appreciation the bicentennial of the Tunisian-American Treaty of 1797 and expresses to the people of Tunisia its hopes and wishes for continued friendship and amity between our two great nations.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this concurrent resolution to the President with the request that he further transmit a copy to the Government of Tunisia.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997

CONRAD (AND DORGAN) AMENDMENT NO. 730

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. CONRAD (for himself and Mr. DORGAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the bill, S. 936, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 313, line 20, strike out "(e)" and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"(e) RETENTION OF B-52H AIRCRAFT ON ACTIVE STATUS.—(1) The Secretary of the Air Force shall maintain in active status (including the performance of standard maintenance and upgrades) the current fleet of B-52H bomber aircraft. For the purposes of subsection (a), the number specified for B-52H bomber aircraft in paragraph (1) of such subsection shall be deemed to be 94. The applicability of the limitation under that subsection to the 94 B-52H bomber aircraft may not be waived under subsection (b).

"(2) For purposes of carrying out upgrades of B-52H bomber aircraft during fiscal year 1998, the Secretary shall treat the entire current fleet of such aircraft as aircraft expected to be maintained in active status during the six-year period beginning on October 1, 1997.

"(f) ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSED REDUCTION OF B-52H BOMBER AIRCRAFT FLEET.—(1) Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the National Defense Panel established under section 924 of Public Law 104-201 (110 Stat. 2626), shall—

"(A) thoroughly assess the proposed retirement of B-52H bomber aircraft to reduce the fleet of B-52H bomber aircraft to 71 such aircraft; and

"(B) submit the assessment to the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on National Security of the House of Representatives.

"(2) The assessment under paragraph (1) shall include the following:

"(A) A discussion of the following matters:

"(i) The operational advantages, arms control implications, and budgetary impact of employing an additional combat-coded

squadron of B-52H bomber aircraft above the level provided for in the future-years defense program submitted to Congress in fiscal year 1997, reconstituted out of the B-52H aircraft attrition reserve.

"(ii) The implications of designating and using such an additional squadron as an associate reserve squadron.

"(iii) The operational impact of an engine modernization program involving replacement of the engines on B-52H bomber aircraft with commercial, off-the-shelf engines, as assessed in accordance with the Department of Defense Appropriation Act, 1997 (title I through VIII section 101(b) of Public Law 104-208).

"(iv) The operational, arms control, and budgetary implications of modifying capabilities of aircraft comprising a portion of the fleet of B-52H bomber aircraft so that the modified aircraft have the capability to deliver only conventional munitions.

"(v) The number of B-52H aircraft that, together with other combat aircraft within the force structure, would be necessary, in a major theater war initiated with minimum advance warning, to disrupt the flow of enemy forces to the extent necessary for the United States (and any allies) to defeat advancing enemy forces in detail with the United States (or allied) forces in place as the advancing enemy forces arrive in locations to engage the United States (or allied) forces.

"(B) The views of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on the Secretary's assessment.

"(C) The views of the National Defense Panel on the Secretary's assessment.

"(3) If the Secretary submits the Secretary's annual report to Congress under section 113(c) of title 10, United States Code, within 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary may include in that report the assessment required under paragraph (1).

"(g)".

COVERDELL AMENDMENT NO. 731

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. COVERDELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill, S. 936, supra; as follows:

At the end of the amendment add the following:

() LIMITATIONS ON AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR COUNTER-DRUG ACTIVITIES OF PERU AND COLOMBIA.—(1) The Secretary of Defense may exercise the authority provided in section 1022(a) only with the concurrence of the Secretary of State.

(2)(A) The Secretary may not obligate or expend funds to provide a government with support under section 1022 until the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the heads of other Federal agencies involved in international counter-drug activities, has developed a riverine counter-drug plan and submitted the plan to the committees referred to in subsection (f)(2) of such section. The plan shall set forth a riverine counter-drug program that can be sustained by the supported governments within five years, a schedule for establishing the program, and a detailed discussion of how the riverine counter-drug program supports national drug control strategy of the United States.

(B) The limitation in subparagraph (A) is in addition to the limitation in section 1022(f)(1).

THURMOND AMENDMENTS NOS. 732-733

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. THURMOND submitted two amendments intended to be proposed

by him to the bill, S. 936, supra; as follows:

AMENDMENT No. 732

At the appropriate place in the amendment, insert the following:

On page 26, after line 24, add the following:

(b) EXCEPTIONS.—The prohibition in subsection (a) does not apply to the following:

(1) Any purchase, lease, upgrade, or modification initiated before the date of the enactment of this Act.

(2) Any installation of state-of-the-art technology for a drydock that does not also increase the capacity of the drydock.

On page 26, line 21, insert “(a) PROHIBITION.—” before “None”.

AMENDMENT No. 733

At the end of the matter relating to proposed section 2206, add the following:

(c) AMENDMENT.—The agreement of the Senate to the amendment proposing this subsection shall be deemed to constitute the agreement of the Senate to amendments to section 141 as follows:

(1) Insert “(a) PROHIBITION.—” before “None”.

(2) Add at the end the following:

(b) EXCEPTIONS.—The prohibition in subsection (a) does not apply to the following:

(1) Any purchase, lease, upgrade, or modification initiated before the date of the enactment of this Act.

(2) Any installation of state-of-the-art technology for a drydock that does not also increase the capacity of the drydock.

LEVIN (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 734

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. REED, and Mr. MCCAIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to amendment No. 674 by Mr. FEINGOLD to the bill, S. 936, supra; as follows:

Strike out “; Provided,” and all that follows and insert in lieu thereof the following: in section 301B.

SEC. 301A. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING A FOLLOW-ON FORCE FOR BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA.

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) United States ground combat forces should not participate in a follow-on force in Bosnia and Herzegovina after June 1998;

(2) the European Security and Defense Identity, which, as facilitated by the Combined Joint Task Forces concept, enables the Western European Union, with the consent of the North Atlantic Alliance, to assume political control and strategic direction of NATO assets made available by the Alliance, is an ideal instrument for a follow-on force for Bosnia and Herzegovina;

(3) if the European Security and Defense Identity is not sufficiently developed or is otherwise deemed inappropriate for such a mission, a NATO-led force without the participation of United States ground combat forces in Bosnia, may be suitable for a follow-on force for Bosnia and Herzegovina;

(4) the United States may decide to appropriately provide support to a Western European Union-led or NATO-led follow-on force, including command and control, intelligence, logistics, and, if necessary, a ready reserve force in a neighboring country; and

(5) the President should inform our European NATO allies of this expression of the sense of Congress and should strongly urge them to undertake preparations for a Western European Union-led or NATO-led force as a follow-on force to the NATO-led Stabilization Force if needed to maintain peace and stability in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

SEC. 301B. AMOUNTS FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE.

The amounts authorized to be appropriated under section 301 are as follows:

MCCAIN AMENDMENT NO. 735

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to amendment No. 618 submitted by Mr. GLENN to the bill, S. 936, supra; as follows:

Strike the period at the end of the amendment, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

“At the appropriate place in the bill, add the following new section:

“SEC. XXXX. ANNUAL REPORT ON CONGRESSIONAL AND NONCONGRESSIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE.

(1) Section 719(b) of title 31, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(3)(A) The report under subsection (a) shall include, for the latest fiscal year ending before the date of the report, the amount and cost of the work that the General Accounting Office performed during the fiscal year for the following:

(i) Audits, evaluations, other reviews, and reports requested by the Chairman of a committee of Congress, the Chairman of a subcommittee of such a committee, or any other member of Congress.

(ii) Audits, evaluations, other reviews, and reports not described in clause (i) and not required by law to be performed by the General Accounting Office.

(B) In the report, amounts of work referred to in subparagraph (A) shall be expressed as hours of labor.”

(2) Paragraph (1) of such section is amended—

(A) by striking out ‘and’ at the end of subparagraph (B);

(B) by striking out the period at the end of subparagraph (C) and inserting in lieu thereof ‘; and’; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

‘(D) the matters required by paragraph (3).’.

CONRAD AMENDMENT NO. 736

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. CONRAD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to amendment No. 696 submitted by Mrs. HUTCHINSON to the bill, S. 936, supra; as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted, insert the following:

Subtitle —National Missile Defense

SEC. 01. SHORT TITLE.

This subtitle may be cited as the “Common Sense National Missile Defense Act of 1997”.

SEC. 02. NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE POLICY.

(a) NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE POLICY.—It is the policy of the United States to develop a limited national missile defense system based on the Minuteman III missile system that could be deployed by 2003 at Grand Forks, North Dakota.

(b) GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.—The national missile defense system developed under subsection (a) for possible deployment should include the elements set forth in section 3 in a manner which—

(1) provides for the defense of the United States against a nuclear missile attack consisting of at least five nuclear warheads;

(2) is affordable;

(3) complies with the ABM Treaty; and

(4) maximizes the utilization of missile technology and infrastructure in use as of the date of enactment of this Act

(c) ASSESSMENT OF DEPLOYMENT.—Not later than March 31, 2000, the President shall submit to Congress a report on the deployment of the national missile defense system referred to in subsection (a). The report shall contain—

(1) the determination of the President as to the advisability of deploying the system; and

(2) if the President determines that the system should be deployed, a specification as to the preferred architecture for the system.

SEC. 3. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE.

The national missile defense system developed under section 2 for possible deployment shall contain the following elements:

(1) An interceptor system that—

(A) utilizes a kinetic kill vehicle in development as of the date of enactment of this Act that is delivered by the Minuteman III missile system in existence as of such date;

(B) could be deployed in existing Minuteman III missile silos within the deployment area permitted under the ABM Treaty; and

(C) could consist of between 20 and 100 operational interceptors.

(2) Early warning ground-based radar utilizing ground-based radars in existence as of such date, or modifications or upgrades of such radars.

(3) To the maximum extent practicable, battle management, command, control, and communications systems in existence as of such date, or modifications or upgrades of such systems.

SEC. 4. IMPLEMENTATION OF DEVELOPMENT.

The Secretary of Defense shall—

(1) initiate promptly such preparatory and planning actions as are necessary to ensure that the national missile defense system developed under section 2 is deployable in accordance with subsection (a) of that section;

(2) not later than September 30, 2000, conduct an integrated systems test of the system; and

(3) prescribe such policies and procedures (including acquisition policies and procedures) as are necessary to eliminate unnecessary costs and inefficiencies in the development of the system.

SEC. 5. REPORT ON PLAN FOR DEVELOPMENT AND DEPLOYMENT.

(a) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report on the Secretary's plan for the development and deployment of the national missile defense system referred to in section 2.

(b) REPORT ELEMENTS.—The report shall include—

(1) the Secretary's plan for meeting the requirements of this subtitle, including a detailed description of the system architecture selected for development; and

(2) the Secretary's estimate of the funds required for research, development, test, and evaluation, and for procurement, in each of fiscal years 1998 through 2003 in order to ensure that the system is deployable in accordance with section 2(a).

SEC. 6. POLICY REGARDING THE ABM TREATY.

(a) POLICY.—It is the policy of the United States that—

(1) the ABM Treaty remains the foundation of stability among the nuclear powers and must not be abrogated or fundamentally altered;

(2) any United States national missile defense system raises concerns about United States compliance with the ABM Treaty; and

(3) the President should undertake such consultations with the Russian Federation as are necessary to achieve an agreement between the United States and the Russian

Federation on an amendment or clarification of the ABM Treaty in order to permit the deployment of the national missile defense system referred to in section 2.

(b) REVIEW OF SYSTEM.—In light of the policy set forth in subsection (a), it is the sense of Congress that the President initiate immediately a full review of the implications of the development and deployment of the national missile defense system referred to in section 2 on United States compliance with the ABM Treaty. The review should address any modifications to the system that may be required in order to ensure that the system meets United States obligations under the ABM Treaty.

(c) REPORT ON CONSULTATIONS.—The President shall include an assessment of the results, if any, of the consultations undertaken under subsection (a)(3) in the report submitted under section 2(c).

SEC. 7. DEFINITION.

In this subtitle, the term "ABM Treaty" means the Treaty Between the United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on the Limitation of Anti-Ballistic Missile Systems, signed at Moscow on May 26, 1972, and includes the Protocols to that Treaty, signed at Moscow on July 3, 1974.

REID AMENDMENT NO. 737

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. REID submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill, S. 936, supra; as follows:

On line 10, page 44, insert after "\$50,000,000" the following: "and shall include not less than \$2,000,000 to be authorized for technology development for detecting, locating, and removing the threat of abandoned landmines and for operation of a test and evaluation facility at the Nevada Test Site for countermeasure proof-of-concept testing and performance evaluation."

ALLARD AMENDMENT NO. 738

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. ALLARD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to amendment No. 701 submitted by Mr. CAMPBELL to the bill, S. 936, supra; as follows:

Beginning on page 2, strike out line 14 and all that follows through "any well," on page 4, line 22, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

Number 1 for purposes of mineral leasing and multiple use management.

"(2) Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998, the Secretary of Energy shall transfer to the Secretary of the Interior administrative jurisdiction over those public domain lands included within the developed tract of Oil Shale Reserve Numbered 3, which consists of approximately 6,000 acres and 24 natural gas wells, together with pipelines and associated facilities.

"(3)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the Secretary of Energy shall continue after the transfer of administrative jurisdiction over public domain lands within an oil shale reserve under this subsection to be responsible for taking any actions that are necessary to ensure that the oil shale reserve is in compliance with the requirements of Federal and State environmental laws that are applicable to the reserve.

"(B) The responsibility of the Secretary of Energy with respect to public domain lands of an oil shale reserve under subparagraph (A) shall terminate upon certification by the Secretary to the Secretary of the Interior

that the oil shale reserve is in compliance with the requirements of Federal and State environmental laws that are applicable to the reserve.

"(4) Upon the transfer to the Secretary of the Interior of jurisdiction over public domain lands under this subsection, the other sections of this chapter shall cease to apply with respect to the transferred lands.

"(b) AUTHORITY TO LEASE.—(1) Beginning on the date of the enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998, or as soon thereafter as practicable, the Secretary of the Interior shall enter into leases with one or more private entities for the purpose of exploration for, and development and production of, petroleum (other than in the form of oil shale) located on or in public domain lands in Oil Shale Reserve Numbered 1 and the developed tract of Oil Shale Reserve Numbered 3. Any such lease shall be made in accordance with the requirements of the Act entitled "An Act to promote the mining of coal, phosphate, oil, oil shale, gas, and sodium on the public domain", approved February 25, 1920 (commonly known as the "Mineral Leasing Act") (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.), regarding the lease of oil and gas lands and shall be subject to valid existing rights.

"(2) Notwithstanding the delayed transfer of the developed tract of Oil Shale Reserve Numbered 3 under subsection (a)(2), the Secretary of the Interior shall enter into a lease under paragraph (1) with respect to the developed tract before the end of the one-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this section.

"(c) MANAGEMENT.—The Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, shall manage the lands transferred under subsection (a) in accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) and other laws applicable to the public lands.

"(d) TRANSFER OF EXISTING EQUIPMENT.—The lease of lands by the Secretary of the Interior under this section may include the transfer, at fair market value, of any well, production facility,

BAUCUS AMENDMENT NO. 739

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. BAUCUS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill, S. 936, supra; as follows:

On page 409, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

SEC. 2819. LAND CONVEYANCE, HAVRE AIR FORCE STATION, MONTANA, AND HAVRE TRAINING SITE, MONTANA.

(a) CONVEYANCE AUTHORIZED.—(1) The Secretary of the Air Force may convey, without consideration, to the Bear Paw Development Corporation, Havre, Montana (in this section referred to as the "Corporation"), all, right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the real property described in paragraph (2).

(2) The authority in paragraph (1) applies to the following real property:

(A) A parcel of real property, including any improvements thereon, consisting of approximately 85 acres and comprising the Havre Air Force Station, Montana.

(B) A parcel of real property, including any improvements thereon, consisting of approximately 9 acres and comprising the Havre Training Site, Montana.

(b) CONDITIONS OF CONVEYANCE.—The conveyance authorized by subsection (a) shall be subject to the following conditions:

(1) That the Corporation—

(A) convey to the Box Elder School District 13G, Montana, 10 single-family homes

located on the property to be conveyed under that subsection as jointly agreed upon by the Corporation and the school district; and

(B) grant the school district access to the property for purposes of removing the homes from the property.

(2) That the Corporation—

(A) convey to the Hays/Lodgepole School District 50, Montana—

(i) 27 single-family homes located on the property to be conveyed under that subsection as jointly agreed upon by the Corporation and the school district;

(ii) one duplex housing unit located on the property;

(iii) two steel buildings (nos. 7 and 8) located on the property;

(iv) two tin buildings (nos. 37 and 44) located on the property; and

(v) miscellaneous personal property located on the property that is associated with the buildings conveyed under this subparagraph; and

(B) grant the school district access to the property for purposes of removing such homes and buildings, the housing unit, and such personal property from the property.

(3) That the Corporation—

(A) convey to the District 4 Human Resources Development Council, Montana, eight single-family homes located on the property to be conveyed under that subsection as jointly agreed upon by the Corporation and the council; and

(B) grant the council access to the property for purposes of removing such homes from the property.

(c) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.—The exact acreages and legal description of the parcels of property conveyed under subsection (a) shall be determined by surveys satisfactory to the Secretary. The cost of the surveys shall be borne by the Secretary.

(d) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Secretary may require such additional terms and conditions in connection with the conveyance under subsection (a) as the Secretary considers appropriate to protect the interests of the United States.

(e) FUNDING FOR COSTS OF CORPORATION ASSOCIATED WITH CONVEYANCES.—Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated by this Act, the Secretary shall make available to the Corporation such sums as the Secretary and the Corporation jointly agree are necessary to cover the costs of the Corporation in meeting the conditions specified in subsection (b).

MURKOWSKI AMENDMENT NO. 740

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to amendment No. 630 submitted by him to the bill, S. 936, supra; as follows:

Beginning on line 8, strike "If the Secretary" and all that follows and insert the following: "If the Secretary purchases a facility for the production of tritium, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission shall have licensing and related regulatory authority pursuant to chapters 6, 7, 8, and 10 of this Act, and the Secretary shall be a person for purposes of section 103 of this Act, with respect to that facility."

SMITH OF NEW HAMPSHIRE AMENDMENT NO. 741

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill, S. 936, supra; as follows:

At the end of subtitle A of title X, add the following:

SEC. 1009. INCREASED AMOUNTS FOR CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE COUNTERPROLIFERATION PROGRAMS.

(a) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act the amount authorized to be appropriated under section 104 for chemical and biological defense counterproliferation programs is hereby increased by \$67,000,000.

(b) DECREASE.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the total amount authorized to be appropriated under section 301(4) for Air Force Operations & Maintenance is hereby decreased by \$51,000,000.

FAIRCLOTH AMENDMENT NO. 742

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. FAIRCLOTH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to amendment No. 608 proposed by Mr. THURMOND to the bill, S. 936, supra; as follows:

Strike out all after the section heading and insert in lieu thereof the following:

Of the amount authorized to be appropriated under section 201(3), \$1,651,000,000 is available for engineering manufacturing and development under the F-22 aircraft program.

SEC. 221. MULTITECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION IN MIXED-MODE ELECTRONICS.

(a) AMOUNT FOR PROGRAM.—Of the amount authorized to be appropriated under section 201(4), \$9,000,000 is available for Multitechnology Integration in Mixed-Mode Electronics.

(b) ADJUSTMENTS TO AUTHORIZATIONS OF APPROPRIATIONS.—(1) The amount authorized to be appropriated under section 201(4) is hereby increased by \$9,000,000.

(2) The amount authorized to be appropriated under section 2204(a)(2) is reduced by \$9,000,000.

CRAIG AMENDMENT NO. 743

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. CRAIG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill, S. 936, supra; as follows:

At the end of subtitle D of title V, add the following:

SEC. 535. COLD WAR SERVICE MEDAL.

(a) AUTHORITY.—Chapter 57 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“§ 1131. Cold War service medal

“(a) MEDAL REQUIRED.—The Secretary concerned shall issue the Cold War service medal to persons eligible to receive the medal under subsection (b). The Cold War service medal shall be of an appropriate design approved by the Secretary of Defense, with ribbons, lapel pins, and other appurtenances.

“(b) ELIGIBLE PERSONS.—The following persons are eligible to receive the Cold War service medal:

“(1) A person who—

“(A) performed active duty or inactive duty training as an enlisted member of an armed force during the Cold War;

“(B) completed the initial term of enlistment;

“(C) after the expiration of the initial term of enlistment, reenlisted in an armed force for an additional term or was appointed as a commissioned officer or warrant officer in an armed force; and

“(D) has not received a discharge less favorable than an honorable discharge or a re-

lease from active duty with a characterization of service less favorable than honorable.

“(2) A person who—

“(A) performed active duty or inactive duty training as a commissioned officer or warrant officer in an armed force during the Cold War;

“(B) completed the initial service obligation as an officer;

“(C) served in the armed forces after completing the initial service obligation; and

“(D) has not been released from active duty with a characterization of service less favorable than honorable and has not received a discharge less favorable than an honorable discharge.

“(c) ONE AWARD AUTHORIZED.—Not more than one Cold War service medal may be issued to any one person.

“(d) ISSUANCE TO REPRESENTATIVE OF DECEASED.—If a person referred to in subsection (b) dies before being issued the Cold War service medal, the medal may be issued to the person's representative, as designated by the Secretary concerned.

“(e) REPLACEMENT.—Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary concerned, a Cold War service medal that is lost, destroyed, or rendered unfit for use without fault or neglect on the part of the person to whom it was issued may be replaced without charge.

“(f) UNIFORM REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that regulations prescribed by the Secretaries of the military departments under this section are uniform so far as is practicable.

“(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the term ‘Cold War’ means the period beginning on August 15, 1974, and terminating at the end of December 21, 1991.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—The table of sections at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding at the end the following: “Sec. 1131. Cold War service medal.”.

THURMOND AMENDMENT NO. 744

Mr. THURMOND proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 936, supra; as follows:

At the end of title VII, add the following:

SEC. 708. CHIROPRACTIC HEALTH CARE DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.

(a) TWO-YEAR EXTENSION.—Subsection (b) of section 731 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1995 (Public Law 103-337; 108 Stat. 2809; 10 U.S.C. 1092 note) is amended by striking out “1997” and inserting in lieu thereof “1999”.

(b) EXPANSION TO AT LEAST THREE ADDITIONAL TREATMENT FACILITIES.—Subsection (a)(2) of such section is amended by striking out “not less than 10” and inserting in lieu thereof “the National Naval Medical Center, the Walter Reed Army Medical Center, and not less than 11 other”.

(c) REPORTS.—Subsection (c) of such section is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking out “Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and” and inserting in lieu thereof “Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on National Security of”;

(2) by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (4);

(3) by inserting after paragraph (2) the following new paragraph (3):

“(3)(A) Not later than January 30, 1998, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the committees referred to in paragraph (1) a report that identifies the additional treatment facilities designated to furnish chiropractic care under the program that were not so designated before the report required by paragraph (1) was prepared, together with the plan for the conduct of the program at the additional treatment facilities.

“(B) Not later than May 1, 1998, the Secretary of Defense shall modify the plan for evaluating the program submitted pursuant to paragraph (2) in order to provide for the evaluation of the program at all of the designated treatment facilities, including the treatment facilities referred to in subparagraph (B).”; and

(4) in paragraph (4), as redesignated by paragraph (2), by striking out “The Secretary” and inserting in lieu thereof “Not later than May 1, 2000, the Secretary”.

HELMS AMENDMENT NO. 745

Mr. THURMOND (for Mr. HELMS) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 936, supra; as follows:

At the end of subtitle E of title X, add the following:

SEC. 1075. DONATION OF EXCESS ARMY CHAPEL PROPERTY TO CHURCHES DAMAGED OR DESTROYED BY ARSON OR OTHER ACTS OF TERRORISM.

(a) AUTHORITY.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of the Army may donate property described in subsection (b) to an organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that is a religious organization in order to assist the organization in restoring or replacing property of the organization that has been damaged or destroyed as a result of an act of arson or terrorism, as determined pursuant to procedures prescribed by the Secretary.

(b) PROPERTY COVERED.—The property authorized to be donated under subsection (a) is furniture and other property that is in, or formerly in, chapels closed or being closed and is determined as being excess to the requirements of the Army. No real property may be donated under this section.

(c) DONEES NOT TO BE CHARGED.—No charge may be imposed by the Secretary on a donee of property under this section in connection with the donation. However, the donee shall defray any expense for shipping or other transportation of property donated under this section from the location of the property when donated to any other location.

JEFFORDS AMENDMENT NO. 746

Mr. THURMOND (for Mr. HELMS) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 936, supra; as follows:

On page 84, after line 23, add the following:

SEC. 340. PROCUREMENT OF RECYCLED COPIER PAPER.

(a) REQUIREMENT.—(1) Except as provided in subsection (b), a department or agency of the Department of Defense may not procure copying machine paper after a date set forth in paragraph (2) unless the percentage of post-consumer recycled content of the paper meets the percentage set forth with respect to such date in that paragraph.

(2) The percentage of post-consumer recycled content of paper required under paragraph (1) is as follows:

(A) 20 percent as of January 1, 1998.

(B) 30 percent as of January 1, 1999.

(C) 50 percent as of January 1, 2004.

(b) EXCEPTIONS.—A department or agency may procure copying machine paper having a percentage of post-consumer recycled content that does not meet the applicable requirement in subsection (a) if—

(1) the cost of procuring copying machine paper under such requirement would exceed by more than 7 percent the cost of procuring copying machine paper having a percentage of post-consumer recycled content that does not meet such requirement;

(2) copying machine paper having a percentage of post-consumer recycled content

meeting such requirement is not reasonably available within a reasonable period of time;

(3) copying machine paper having a percentage of post-consumer recycled content meeting such requirement does not meet performance standards of the department or agency for copying machine paper; or

(4) in the case of the requirement in paragraph (2)(C) of that subsection, the Secretary of Defense makes the certification described in subsection (c).

(c) **CERTIFICATION OF INABILITY TO MEET GOAL IN 2004.**—If the Secretary determines that any department or agency of the Department will be unable to meet the goal specified in subsection (a)(2)(C) by the date specified in that subsection, the Secretary shall certify that determination to the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on National Security of the House of Representatives. The Secretary shall submit such certification, if at all, not later than January 1, 2003.

HARKIN (AND DURBIN) AMENDMENT NO. 747

Mr. LEVIN (for Mr. HARKIN, for himself and Mr. DURBIN) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 936, *supra*; as follows:

On page 59, after line 14, add the following new paragraph (3):

“(3) The Secretary of a military department may conduct a pilot program, consistent with applicable requirements of law, to test any practices referred to in paragraph (2) that the Secretary determines could improve the efficiency and effectiveness of depot-level operations, improve the support provided by depot-level activities for the armed forces user of the services of such activities, and enhance readiness by reducing the time that it takes to repair equipment.”

On page 101, between lines 21 and 22, insert the following:

“(3) For the purposes of this section, the term ‘best commercial inventory practice’ includes a so-called prime vendor arrangement and any other practice that the Director determines will enable the Defense Logistics Agency to reduce inventory levels and holding costs while improving the responsiveness of the supply system to user needs.”

On page 268, line 8, strike out “(L)” and insert in lieu thereof the following:

“(L) Actions that can be taken to ensure that each comptroller position and each comparable position in the Department of Defense, whether filled by a member of the Armed Forces or a civilian employee, is filled by a person who, by reason of education, technical competence, and experience, has the core competencies for financial management.

“(M)”.

THOMPSON (AND GLENN) AMENDMENT NO. 748

Mr. THURMOND (for Mr. THOMPSON, for himself and Mr. GLENN) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 936, *supra*; as follows:

At the end of subtitle E of title VIII, add the following:

SEC. ____ USE OF ELECTRONIC COMMERCE IN FEDERAL PROCUREMENT.

(a) **POLICY.**—Section 30 of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 426) is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 30. USE OF ELECTRONIC COMMERCE IN FEDERAL PROCUREMENT.

“(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The head of each executive agency, after consulting with the Ad-

ministrator, shall establish, maintain, and use, to the maximum extent that is practicable and cost-effective, procedures and processes that employ electronic commerce in the conduct and administration of its procurement system.

“(b) **APPLICABLE STANDARDS.**—In conducting electronic commerce, the head of an agency shall apply nationally and internationally recognized standards that broaden interoperability and ease the electronic interchange of information.

“(c) **AGENCY PROCEDURES.**—The head of each executive agency shall ensure that systems, technologies, procedures, and processes established pursuant to this section—

“(1) are implemented with uniformity throughout the agency, to the extent practicable;

“(2) facilitate access to Federal Government procurement opportunities, including opportunities for small business concerns, socially and economically disadvantaged small business concerns, and business concerns owned predominantly by women; and

“(3) ensure that any notice of agency requirements or agency solicitation for contract opportunities is provided in a form that allows convenient and universal user access through a single, government-wide point of entry.

“(d) **IMPLEMENTATION.**—The Administrator shall, in carrying out the requirements of this section—

“(1) issue policies to promote, to the maximum extent practicable, uniform implementation of this section by executive agencies, with due regard for differences in program requirements among agencies that may require departures from uniform procedures and processes in appropriate cases, when warranted because of the agency mission;

“(2) ensure that the head of each executive agency complies with the requirements of subsection (c) with respect to the agency systems, technologies, procedures, and processes established pursuant to this section; and

“(3) consult with the heads of appropriate Federal agencies with applicable technical and functional expertise, including the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the General Services Administration, and the Department of Defense.

“(e) **ELECTRONIC COMMERCE DEFINED.**—For the purposes of this section, the term ‘electronic commerce’ means electronic techniques for accomplishing business transactions, including electronic mail or messaging, World Wide Web technology, electronic bulletin boards, purchase cards, electronic funds transfers, and electronic data interchange.”

(b) **REPEAL OF REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF FACNET CAPABILITY.**—Section 30A of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 426a) is repealed.

(c) **REPEAL OF REQUIREMENT FOR GAO REPORT.**—Section 9004 of the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994 (41 U.S.C. 426a note) is repealed.

(d) **REPEAL OF CONDITION FOR USE OF SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITION PROCEDURES.**—Section 31 of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 427) is amended—

(1) by striking out subsection (e); and

(2) by redesignating subsections (f) and (g) as subsections (e) and (f), respectively.

(e) **AMENDMENTS TO PROCUREMENT NOTICE REQUIREMENTS.**—(1) Section 8(g)(1) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(g)(1)) is amended—

(A) by striking out subparagraphs (A) and (B);

(B) by redesignating subparagraphs (C), (D), (E), (F), (G), and (H) as subparagraphs (B), (C), (D), (E), (F), and (G), respectively; and

(C) by inserting before subparagraph (B), as so redesignated, the following new subparagraph (A):

“(A) the proposed procurement is for an amount not greater than the simplified acquisition threshold and is to be conducted by—

“(i) using widespread electronic public notice of the solicitation in a form that allows convenient and universal user access through a single, governmentwide point of entry; and

“(ii) permitting the public to respond to the solicitation electronically.”

(2) Section 18(c)(1) of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 416(c)(1)) is amended—

(A) by striking out subparagraphs (A) and (B);

(B) by redesignating subparagraphs (C), (D), (E), (F), (G), and (H) as subparagraphs (B), (C), (D), (E), (F), and (G), respectively; and

(C) by inserting before subparagraph (B), as so redesignated, the following new subparagraph (A):

“(A) the proposed procurement is for an amount not greater than the simplified acquisition threshold and is to be conducted by—

“(i) using widespread electronic public notice of the solicitation in a form that allows convenient and universal user access through a single, governmentwide point of entry; and

“(ii) permitting the public to respond to the solicitation electronically.”

(3) The amendments made by paragraphs (1) and (2) shall be implemented in a manner consistent with any applicable international agreements.

(f) **CONFORMING AND TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.**—(1) Section 5061 of the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994 (41 U.S.C. 413 note) is amended—

(A) in subsection (c)(4)—

(i) by striking out “the Federal acquisition computer network (‘FACNET’)” and inserting in lieu thereof “the electronic commerce”; and

(ii) by striking out “(as added by section 9001)”;

(B) in subsection (e)(9)(A), by striking out “, or by dissemination through FACNET.”

(2) Section 5401 of the Clinger-Cohen Act of 1996 (divisions D and E of Public Law 104-106; 40 U.S.C. 1501) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a)—

(i) by striking out “through the Federal Acquisition Computer Network (in this section referred to as ‘FACNET’)”; and

(ii) by striking out the last sentence;

(B) in subsection (b)—

(i) by striking out “ADDITIONAL FACNET FUNCTIONS.” and all that follows through “(41 U.S.C. 426(b)), the FACNET architecture” and inserting in lieu thereof “FUNCTIONS.—(1) The system for providing on-line computer access”; and

(ii) in paragraph (2), by striking out “The FACNET architecture” and inserting in lieu thereof “The system for providing on-line computer access”;

(C) in subsection (c)(1), by striking out “the FACNET architecture” and inserting in lieu thereof “the system for providing on-line computer access”; and

(D) by striking out subsection (d).

(3)(A) Section 2302c of title 10, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“§2302c. Implementation of electronic commerce capability

“(a) **IMPLEMENTATION OF ELECTRONIC COMMERCE CAPABILITY.**—(1) The head of each agency named in paragraphs (1), (5) and (6) shall implement the electronic commerce capability required by section 30 of the Office

of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 426).

"(2) The Secretary of Defense shall act through the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology to implement the capability within the Department of Defense.

"(3) In implementing the electronic commerce capability pursuant to paragraph (1), the head of an agency referred to in paragraph (1) shall consult with the Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy.

"(b) DESIGNATION OF AGENCY OFFICIAL.—The head of each agency named in paragraph (5) or (6) of section 2303 of this title shall designate a program manager to implement the electronic commerce capability for that agency. The program manager shall report directly to an official at a level not lower than the senior procurement executive designated for the agency under section 16(3) of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 414(3))."

(B) Section 2304(g)(4) of such title 10 is amended by striking out "31(g)" and inserting in lieu thereof "31(f)".

(4)(A) Section 302C of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (41 U.S.C. 252c) is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 302C. IMPLEMENTATION OF ELECTRONIC COMMERCE CAPABILITY.

"(a) IMPLEMENTATION OF ELECTRONIC COMMERCE CAPABILITY.—(1) The head of each executive agency shall implement the electronic commerce capability required by section 30 of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 426).

"(2) In implementing the electronic commerce capability pursuant to paragraph (1), the head of an executive agency shall consult with the Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy.

"(b) DESIGNATION OF AGENCY OFFICIAL.—The head of each executive agency shall designate a program manager to implement the electronic commerce capability for that agency. The program manager shall report directly to an official at a level not lower than the senior procurement executive designated for the executive agency under section 16(3) of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 414(3))."

(B) Section 303(g)(5) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act (41 U.S.C. 253(g)(5)) is amended by striking out "31(g)" and inserting in lieu thereof "31(f)".

(h) EFFECTIVE DATE.—(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the amendments made by this section shall take effect 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(2) The repeal made by subsection (c) of this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. ____ CONFORMANCE OF POLICY ON PERFORMANCE BASED MANAGEMENT OF CIVILIAN ACQUISITION PROGRAMS WITH POLICY ESTABLISHED FOR DEFENSE ACQUISITION PROGRAMS.

(a) PERFORMANCE GOALS.—Section 313(a) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (41 U.S.C. 263(a)) is amended to read as follows:

"(a) CONGRESSIONAL POLICY.—It is the policy of Congress that the head of each executive agency should achieve, on average, 90 percent of the cost, performance, and schedule goals established for major acquisition programs of the agency."

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT TO REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—Section 6(k) of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 405(k)) is amended by inserting "regarding major acquisitions that is" in the first sentence after "policy".

SEC. ____ MODIFICATION OF PROCESS REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SOLUTIONS-BASED CONTACTING PILOT PROGRAM.

(a) SOURCE SELECTION.—Paragraph (9) of section 5312(c) of the Clinger-Cohen Act of

1996 (divisions D and E of Public Law 104-106; 40 U.S.C. 1492(c)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking out "and ranking of alternative sources," and inserting in lieu thereof "or sources";

(2) in subparagraph (B)—

(A) in the matter preceding clause (i), by inserting "(or a longer period, if approved by the Administrator)" after "30 to 60 days";

(B) in clause (i), by inserting "or sources" after "source"; and

(C) in clause (ii), by striking out "that source" and inserting in lieu thereof "the source whose offer is determined to be most advantageous to the Government"; and

(3) in subparagraph (C), by striking out "with alternative sources (in the order ranked)".

(b) TIME MANAGEMENT DISCIPLINE.—Paragraph (12) of such section is amended by inserting before the period at the end the following: "except that the Administrator may approve the application of a longer standard period".

GRAHAM AMENDMENT NO. 749

Mr. LEVIN (for Mr. GRAHAM) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 936, supra; as follows:

At the end of subtitle E of title X, add the following:

SEC. 10 . REPORT ON THE COMMAND SELECTION PROCESS FOR DISTRICT ENGINEERS OF THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1) the Army Corps of Engineers—

(A) has served the United States since the establishment of the Corps in 1802;

(B) has provided unmatched combat engineering services to the Armed Forces and the allies of the United States, both in times of war and in times of peace;

(C) has brilliantly fulfilled its domestic mission of planning, designing, building, and operating civil works and other water resources projects;

(D) must remain constantly ready to carry out its wartime mission while simultaneously carrying out its domestic civil works mission; and

(E) continues to provide the United States with these services in projects of previously unknown complexity and magnitude, such as the Everglades Restoration Project and the Louisiana Wetlands Restoration Project;

(2) the duration and complexity of these projects present unique management and leadership challenges to the Army Corps of Engineers;

(3) the effective management of these projects is the primary responsibility of the District Engineer;

(4) District Engineers serve in that position for a term of 2 years and may have their term extended for a third year on the recommendation of the Chief of Engineers; and

(5) the effectiveness of the leadership and management of major Army Corps of Engineers projects may be enhanced if the timing of District Engineer reassignments were phased to coincide with the major phases of the projects.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than March 31, 1998, the Secretary of Defense shall submit a report to Congress that contains—

(1) an identification of each major Army Corps of Engineers project that—

(A) is being carried out by each District Engineer as of the date of the report; or

(B) is being planned by each District Engineer to be carried out during the 5-year period beginning on the date of the report;

(2) the expected start and completion dates, during that period, for each major phase of each project identified under paragraph (1);

(3) the expected dates for leadership changes in each Army Corps of Engineers District during that period;

(4) a plan for optimizing the timing of leadership changes so that there is minimal disruption to major phases of major Army Corps of Engineers projects; and

(5) a review of the impact on the Army Corps of Engineers, and on the mission of each District, of allowing major command tours of District Engineers to be 2 to 4 years in duration, with the selection of the exact timing of the change of command to be at the discretion of the Chief of Engineers who shall act with the goal of optimizing the timing of each change so that it has minimal disruption on the mission of the District Engineer.

**SANTORUM (AND LIEBERMAN)
AMENDMENT NO. 750**

Mr. THURMOND (for Mr. SANTORUM, for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 936, supra; as follows:

At the end of subtitle E of title X, add the following:

SEC. 844. TWO-YEAR EXTENSION OF APPLICATION OF FULFILLMENT STANDARDS FOR DEFENSE ACQUISITION WORKFORCE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

Section 812(c)(2) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1993 (Public Law 102-484; 106 Stat. 2451; 10 U.S.C. 1723 note) is amended by striking out "October 1, 1997" and inserting in lieu thereof "October 1, 1999".

**HARKIN (AND KEMPTHORNE)
AMENDMENT NO. 751**

Mr. LEVIN (for Mr. HARKIN, for himself and Mr. KEMPTHORNE) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 936, supra; as follows:

At the end of subtitle E of title V, add the following:

SEC. 664. SUBSISTENCE OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES ABOVE THE POVERTY LEVEL.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) The morale and welfare of members of the Armed Forces and their families are key components of the readiness of the Armed Forces.

(2) Several studies have documented significant instances of members of the Armed Forces and their families relying on various forms of income support under programs of the Federal Government, including assistance under the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2012(o)) and assistance under the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children under section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786).

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Defense should strive—

(1) to eliminate the need for members of the Armed Forces and their families to subsist at, near, or below the poverty level; and

(2) to improve the wellbeing and welfare of members of the Armed Forces and their families by implementing, and programming full funding for, programs that have proven effective in elevating the standard of living of members and their families significantly above the poverty level.

(c) STUDY REQUIRED.—(1) The Secretary of Defense shall conduct a study of members of the Armed Forces and their families who subsist at, near, or below the poverty level.

(2) The study shall include the following:

(A) An analysis of potential solutions for mitigating or eliminating the need for members of the Armed Forces and their families to subsist at, near, or below the poverty level, including potential solutions involving changes in the systems and rates of basic allowance for subsistence, basic allowance for quarters, and variable housing allowance.

(B) Identification of the populations most likely to need income support under Federal Government programs, including—

(i) the populations living in areas of the United States where housing costs are notably high;

(ii) the populations living outside the United States; and

(iii) the number of persons in each identified population.

(C) The desirability of increasing rates of basic pay and allowances over a defined period of years by a range of percentages that provides for higher percentage increases for lower ranking personnel than for higher ranking personnel.

(d) IMPLEMENTATION OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM FOR PERSONNEL OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.—(1) Section 1060a(b) of title 10, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(b) FEDERAL PAYMENTS AND COMMODITIES.—For the purpose of obtaining Federal payments and commodities in order to carry out the program referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary of Agriculture shall make available to the Secretary of Defense the same payments and commodities as are made for the special supplemental food program in the United States under section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786). Funds available for the Department of Defense may be used for carrying out the program under subsection (a).”

(2) Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report regarding the Secretary's intentions regarding implementation of the program authorized under section 1060a of title 10, United States Code, including any plans to implement the program.

WARNER AMENDMENT NO. 752

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. WARNER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill, S. 935, *supra*; as follows:

At the end of subtitle F of title V, add the following:

SEC. 557. GRADE OF DEFENSE ATTACHÉ IN FRANCE.

The Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff shall take actions appropriate to ensure that each officer selected for assignment to the position of defense attaché in France is an officer who holds, or is promotable to, the grade of brigadier general or, in the case of the Navy, rear admiral (lower half).

MURKOWSKI AMENDMENT. NO. 753

Mr. MURKOWSKI proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 936, *supra*; as follows:

At an appropriate place in title III, insert the following:

SEC. . REPORT ON OPTIONS FOR THE DISPOSAL OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND AGENTS.

(a) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than March 15, 1998, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report on the options available to the Department of Defense for

the disposal of chemical weapons and agents in order to facilitate the disposal of such weapons and agents without the construction of additional chemical weapons disposal facilities in the continental United States.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The report shall include the following:

(1) a description of each option evaluated;

(2) an assessment of the lifecycle costs and risks associated with each option evaluated;

(3) a statement of any technical, regulatory, or other requirements or obstacles with respect to each option, including with respect to any transportation of weapons or agents that is required for the option;

(4) an assessment of incentives required for sites to accept munitions or agents from outside their own locales, as well as incentives to enable transportation of these items across state lines;

(5) an assessment of the cost savings that could be achieved through either the application of uniform federal transportation or safety requirements and any other incentives consistent with the transportation and safe disposal of stockpile and nonstockpile chemical weapons and agents; and

(6) proposed legislative language necessary to implement options determined by the Secretary to be worthy of consideration by the Congress.

NOTICE OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that the nominations of Robert G. Stanton to be Director, National Park Service and Kneeland C. Youngblood to be a member of the U.S. Enrichment Corporation will be considered at the hearing scheduled for Thursday, July 17, 1997, at 9:30 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

For further information, please call Camille Flint at (202) 224-5070.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the full Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place Tuesday, July 22, 1997, at 9 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of the hearing is to review the Department of the Interior's handling of the Ward Valley land conveyance, the findings of a new General Accounting Office [GAO] report on the issue, and to receive testimony on S. 964, the Ward Valley Land Transfer Act.

Those wishing to submit written statements should contact David Garman of the committee staff at (202) 224-8115.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Com-

mittee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be allowed to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 8, 1997, at 9 a.m. in SR-328A to receive testimony regarding rural electric loan portfolio and electricity deregulation.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet on Tuesday, July 8, 1997, at 2:15 p.m. in executive session, to consider the nomination of Gen. Wesley K. Clark, USA, to be Commander-in-Chief, U.S. European Command.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent on behalf of the Governmental Affairs Committee special investigation to meet on Tuesday, July 8, at 10 a.m. for a hearing on campaign financing issues.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION OVERSIGHT AND THE COURTS

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 8, 1997, at 9:30 a.m. to hold a hearing in room 226, Senate Dirksen Building, on: "Oversight of the administrative process for disposing of Government surplus parts and equipment."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the African Affairs Subcommittee of the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 8, 1997, at 10 a.m. to hold a hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs of the Committee on Foreign Relations to authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 8, 1997, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE TASTY BAKING CO. OF PHILADELPHIA

• Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I would like to take a few moments of Senate business to give a special word of thanks to the Tasty Baking Co. for